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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: September 19, 1953

FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
SUSPECTED MICROPHONE IN SUITE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 1953.
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At 1.30 P.M. on the afternoon of September 19, 1953, Supervisor [redacted] called from New York. He advised that Mr. Athol H. Ellis, Jr., a Special Agent of the State Department, who is Security Officer for Secretary Dulles in connection with his appearance before the United Nations, had called at the New York Office and advised that while running security checks on the suite occupied by Secretary Dulles and his assistant, Roderick L. O'Connor, a Schmit Scanning Device had indicated the presence of a microphone at 11:45 A.M. Mr. Ellis said he had checked with Mr. McLeod, of the State Department, who had requested that he call the FBI for assistance in locating the microphone.

[redacted] of the Laboratory, advised that Special Agents John Fleming, [redacted] of the New York Office, are qualified to search for any ~~secret~~ microphone.

In view of the fact that if there is a microphone located in the Secretary's suite, it would obviously be for espionage purposes, I authorized the New York Office to have a search made of the Secretary's suite in an effort to locate any hidden microphone.

This matter will be closely followed and you will be advised.

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Mr. J. J. [redacted] of [redacted] Dept. of State
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SUSPECTED TELEPHONE TAP OR MICROPHONE IN SUITES OCCUPIED BY SECRETARY
OF STATE John F. Dulles, WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL, ESP.-X. RE TELEPHONE CALLS
TO INSPECTOR HENNRICH INSTANT DATE. AT ONE PM INSTANT DATE, ATHOL
H. ELLIS, JR., SPECIAL AGENT, SECURITY DIVISION, US DEPT. OF STATE,
CALLED AT THE NY FIELD OFFICE AND ADVISED WEEKEND SUPERVISOR

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[REDACTED] THAT HE BELIEVED THAT HE HAD DETECTED A TAPPED TELEPHONE
OR A MICROPHONE IN OR IN THE VICINITY OF SUITES TWENTY NINE C AND TWENTY
NINE D OF THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL TOWERS WHICH ARE OCCUPIED BY SECRE-
TARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES AND RODERICK O-CONNOR, SPECIAL ASSIST-
-ANT TO SECRETARY DULLES. MR. ELLIS STATED THAT HE HAS IN HIS POSS-
-SESSION A SCANNING DEVICE WITH WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO DETECT MICRO-
PHONES AND TELEPHONE TAPS. HE STATED THAT AT EIGHT AM INSTANT DATE,
HE CHECKED, USING THIS DEVICE, AND RECEIVED A NEGATIVE REACTION. AT
ELEVEN FIFTY AM, HE AGAIN CHECKED WITH THE DEVICE AND RECEIVED A POSI-
TIVE REACTION ON IT. AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST POSITIVE REACTION ON
THE SCANNER, A TELEPHONE WAS BEING USED IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, HE RE-
CHECKED AND GOT THE SAME RESPONSE WHILE NO TELEPHONES WERE

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IN USE. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SCANNER MENTIONED IS OPERATED BY MERELY

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PLUGGING IT IN TO AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT, FOLLOWING WHICH A FREQUENCY INDICATOR DIAL STARTS TURNING. WHEN THE DIAL INDICATES A FREQUENCY AT WHICH THERE HAS BEEN PENETRATION, A RED LIGHT SHOWS ON THE DIAL. IF A MICROPHONE OR TAP IS AT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE DEVICE, THE RED LIGHT FLICKS ON AND OFF IN A SHORT PERIOD ON THE DIAL, HOWEVER, IF THE MICROPHONE OR TAP IS AT FAIRLY CLOSE RANGE TO THE DEVICE, THE LIGHT STAYS ON FOR A GREATER PORTION OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE DIAL. ON INSTANT OCCASION THE RED LIGHT SHOWED ON THE DIAL FOR OVER EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE CYCLE OF THE DIAL. ELLIS ADVISED THAT THE SCANNING DEVICE HAS NOT REACTED BEFORE EXCEPT UNDER KNOWN CONDITIONS. HE ADVISED THAT BETWEEN EIGHT AND ELEVEN FIFTY AM, MAIDS CLEANED IN THE TWO SUITES. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER ONE OR TWO MAIDS WERE USED IN THIS WORK, INASMUCH AS HE REMAINED IN SUITE TWENTY NINE D AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE SAME MAID CLEANED SUITE TWENTY NINE C. DURING THE TIME THE MAID WAS CLEANING IN TWENTY NINE D, HE FELT THAT SHE WAS ACTING SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUSLY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT HE INSTRUCTED HER NOT TO DUST A TABLE CONTAINING CERTAIN PAPERS, AND SHE PERSISTED IN DOING SO. PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY DULLES AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVING TECHNICAL TRAINING SURVEYED THE TELEPHONES IN THE SUITES AND EXAMINED THE SUITES THEMSELVES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAD BEEN ANY INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONES OR TELEPHONE TAPS. SUBSEQUENTLY, PROBABLY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN, THE SUITES WERE AGAIN EXAMINED INASMUCH AS A TELEPHONE HAD BEEN INSTALLED AND CHANGES IN THE PLACING OF THE FURNITURE HAD BEEN

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MADE. AT THAT TIME, THE MAN WHO MADE THE SURVEY FELT THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ONE OF THE TELEPHONES, BUT WAS UNABLE TO DETECT ANY EVIDENCE OF A TAP. ELLIS EXPLAINED THAT ALL TELEPHONES IN THE TWO SUITES HAVE MERCURY SWITCHES ON THEM TO PREVENT THE USE OF A TELEPHONE TAP, THEREFORE, HE IS OF THE BELIEF THAT THE DEVICE IN QUESTION MAY BE A MICROPHONE. BESIDES THE MAID MENTIONED ABOVE, A NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN THE ROOMS AND HE MENTIONED THAT THE BREAKFAST WAS DELIVERED TO BOTH SUITES. HE ADVISED HE HAD ALSO NOTED THAT A NEW FRUIT BASKET HAD RECENTLY BEEN DELIVERED TO SECRETARY DULLES-S SUITE. HE IS UNABLE TO RECALL WHETHER THIS OCCURRED YESTERDAY OR ON INSTANT DATE. HE STATED THAT IF ANYONE HAD INSTALLED SUCH A LISTENING DEVICE IN EITHER OF THE TWO SUITES, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN "TIPPED" AS TO ITS DETECTION, INASMUCH AS SHORTLY AFTER THE POSITIVE REACTION ON THE SCANNER, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HAD CALLED SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES AND WHILE TALKING TO RODERICK O-CONNOR, IT WAS NECESSARY THAT O-CONNOR SPEAK CIRCUMSPECTLY AND ALSO THAT HE INDICATE THAT HE FELT SOMETHING TO BE WRONG WHICH PRECLUDED HIM FROM SPEAKING FREELY. MR. ELLIS REQUESTED THAT INASMUCH AS TECHNICAL MEN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SECURITY DIVISION, WERE NOT THEN AVAILABLE, THAT AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE HAVING TECHNICAL TRAINING BE DISPATCHED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED SUITE TO EXAMINE THE TELEPHONES AND THE AREA OF THE TWO SUITES IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ANY LISTENING DEVICES.

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ESP.-X. RE NY-TEL NINE NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO
INSPECTOR HENNRICH, SUITES OF SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES
CHECKED WITH DETECTOKIT FOR RF OR CARRIER MICROPHONES WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS . MECHANICALLY TUNED DETECTOR UTILIZED BY STATE DEPARTMENT
SHOWED POSITIVE REACTION BECAUSE OF FAULTY WIRING IN AN ^{NO} SOCKET. TROUBLE
WAS REMEDIED AND STATE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT THEN CEASED TO GIVE POSI-
TIVE REACTION. NO FURTHER ACTION UACB.

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